



# MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7 to 13

Term - Number 1  
Friday 18 October 2024

## From the Principal

*The harder you work,  
the luckier you get.*

**Lydia Ko**

As Lydia Ko states, we must work hard to achieve our goals. Students who play sports socially or competitively demonstrate resilience, commitment, mental toughness, and work hard in everything that they do. Sport is an equalizer. It does not judge those who play, yet challenges athletes to push themselves beyond their comfort zones to reach their goals. Well done to everyone who participated in the 2024 sport season. I look forward to seeing even more students participate in sport next year.

On Wednesday evening, we celebrated our high performing athletes' and those students and community members who have made a significant contribution to sport at Marist College. Every year I am amazed by how successful and well-rounded our students are, while being so humble about their achievements.

Congratulations to all our students, staff and parents who were recognised for their talents and commitment to sport in 2025. We are grateful for all your contributions.

A special thank you to our numerous volunteers who are actively involved in sport. Seeing the number of coaches and managers who are parents, ex-Marist students and student coaches involved in our sports programme is an authentic example of how we live our school values. Your unwavering support and the opportunities that you create for our students is invaluable. We are deeply grateful for your contributions.

Thank you to our guest speakers, Olympians Kaiya Brown (Swimming and Ex-Marist student, 2021) and Helen Clarke (Hockey), who gave those present an insight into the life of an athlete in the Olympic Village. Your messages of being realistic, challenging yourself, and all things being possible with hard work and patience were inspirational.

Te Aroha o Te Atua

*Raechelle Tauhu*, Principal/Tumuaki



## KEY DATES

### Term 4 2024

- Week (2A) Chinese Language Wk**  
 20 - 22 Y13 PE Camp  
 21 Mo Assembly/Colin House Leaders  
 PTFA Meeting 7pm  
 22 Tu Librarians Lunch B2  
 23 We Assembly/Liturgy LLG/SLT/  
 Father Frank  
**Ākonga Māori Graduation  
 Evening 6pm**  
 24 Th Y8 HPV (2) & Y7 Boostrix  
 catchup  
 7M Mass B2, St Mary's  
**Performing Arts Awards  
 Evening 6:30pm**  
*Rotation 1 - 5*  
 26 - 27 St Mary's Parish Centennial  
 Celebration

- Week (3B) Tokelau Language Wk**  
**28 Mo Labour Day holiday**  
 29 Tu Seniors last day/Assembly/  
 Farewells  
 Leavers' Mass, St Mary's  
 Leavers' Dinner, Sorrento  
 30 We Assembly/Liturgy LRM  
 New Y7 2025 Orientation  
 9:30am - 12pm  
 BOT Meeting 6pm  
 31 - 1 Y10 Exams - Gym  
 Y8 HPV (2) & Y7 Boostrix  
 catchup  
 Nov 1 Fr Y12 Leadership Day  
 Mt Albert Baptist Church  
 Y10 Camp meeting P3-4  
*Rotation 2 - 1*

### Upcoming Events:

- Nov 3 - 8 Y10 Camp Tongariro  
 4 Mo Y9 Options open  
 4 - 5 Y9 Exams  
 5 - 29 NCEA Exams  
 6 - 7 Y9 Inspiring the future  
 P3-4, 220  
**11 Mo Staff Only Day**  
 15 Fr Jean-Claude Colin Feast day  
 Evacuation practice  
 19 Tu Y9 Dads & Daughters Bowls  
 & BBQ, 5:30pm - 8pm  
 26 - 30 Awa Run, Cullinane College  
 28 Th Y9 Fun day, Omaha  
 29 Fr Y10 Arts day  
 Y7 Birkenhead trip  
 Dec 2 Mo BOT Meeting 6pm  
 5 Th Y8 Tiritiri Matangi trip 1  
 6 Fr Y8 Tiritiri Matangi trip 2  
 9 Mo Advent Liturgy / Final day  
 for students 12pm finish  
 Prizegiving, Town Hall,  
 6:30pm

For a full school calendar go to  
<https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/calendar>

# The beauty of the Holy Rosary of Mary



Each year, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October the 7th. Catholics believe that the Rosary is a meditative prayer that invites people to contemplate the life of our Saviour, Jesus and his mother, Mary. This feast was initially known as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, commemorating a Christian victory in a naval battle in 1571. Pope Gregory XIII later changed the title, and now the entire month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. Our Catholic tradition teaches that such important prayer has helped people over the centuries in their spiritual needs.

According to Pope Francis: *"The recitation of the rosary is the most beautiful prayer we can offer to the Virgin Mary; it is a contemplation on the stages of the life of Jesus the Savior with his Mother Mary and is a weapon that protects us from evils and temptations"*. Here at Marist College, we use this beautiful prayer of the Rosary to pray with Mary to her Son, Jesus for our individual and communal needs. Every Wednesday at Break 2, a group of staff and students faithfully pray the rosary on our behalf. Here are some thoughts about the importance of the Rosary from a few junior students:

Whenever we pray the Rosary, we are strengthening our bond with God and Mary. *Amelia Cheng* 8T

For Catholics, praying the Rosary is seen as a powerful way to connect to God. *Sunny Kia* 8T

We pray the Rosary everyday so that the Blessed Virgin Mary may intercede for our prayers. *Jadyn Fernandes* 8T

Catholics pray the Rosary to remember important events in Jesus' and Mary's lives, and to grow closer to God through reflection and prayer. *Aiyona, Aleana, Ching, Mana, Rylee* 9R

The Rosary is important to Catholics because it is a Christ centred prayer tool gifted to us by Mary. *Fenn, Lucy, Jessica, Harriet, & Mia* 9R

Ad Jesum per Mariam  
*Sr Seini Fatai sm,*  
Director of Religious Education



*Presence in Mary's Way  
Aroaro i Te Ara o Mēri*

## Māori Achievement Taonga Evening

You are invited to celebrate  
the end of the school journey with our  
Year 13 Māori Graduates

**Wednesday  
23 October 2024, 6:30pm**

**Marist College Drama Room**  
Please enter through the gym foyer



Please RSVP your attendance to  
[admin@maristcollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@maristcollege.school.nz)

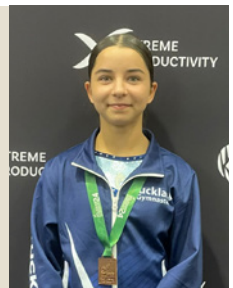


### **Congratulations** to Savannah Campen, Year 8.

This year Savannah has competed in Step 8 Under. Her achievements have been:

- Kerrin Bishop Memorial: 2nd Team, 1st Uneven Bars
- North Harbour Gymnastics Championships: 2nd Team, 3rd Overall, 3rd Uneven Bars and Beam, 1st Vault and Floor
- Tri Star Senior Champs: 2nd Team, 4th Overall, 2nd Bars, 3rd Floor
- Auckland Manukau Champs: 2nd Team, 4th Overall, 1st Uneven Bars
- Savannah was selected for Auckland Step 8 Team to compete at XP NZ Gymnastics Nationals. Her team finished 3rd in the Teams competition. Savannah also qualified for Bar and Vault apparatus finals. She finished 6th in Bars and 3rd in Vault.

Awesome work Savannah!



### **Congratulations** to Evelyn Farrar, Year 8.

Evelyn won silver at the U15 Rep National Ice Hockey Tournament recently. Here's what Evelyn writes about her experience: *In the July and October Holidays, I traveled to Dunedin to participate in an under 15 representative national ice hockey tournament. In this tournament, there were 6 teams representing various regions of New Zealand, including 2 teams from Auckland.*

*During the July Holidays, we participated in round 1, after this set of round robin games my team finished in first place. Round 2 took place during the October Holidays. Following the second set of round robin games, my team remained in the top position, securing a spot in the final. The other Auckland team reached the 3rd and 4th final but unfortunately ended up in 4th place. After a hard and long final my team was unlucky and came away with silver which was a disappointment, but we are all grateful for our medals and hopefully we will win next year.* *Evelyn Farrar*





**MARIST COLLEGE**

**2024  
PERFORMING  
ARTS AWARDS**

Thursday 24th October

6.30 PM

Link to book a ticket  
<https://bit.ly/Marist2024PA>

## Cut Above Special Effects Makeup Course

During the recent holidays, I attended a four day SFX Makeup course at Cut Above. It was amazing learning to create life-like bullet wounds, scars and particularly third-degree burns which I enjoyed developing using gelatin, a pantry staple, before applying SFX paints.

Working in groups of three, we chose a housefire as our backstory. We did applications on each of us demonstrating how realistic the severity of our injuries looked and captured these images in a photoshoot.

I would recommend this course, especially for those with an interest in the makeup industry. With Halloween almost upon us, this would be a great opportunity to display some gruesome SFX makeup looks.

*Lani Morse*, Year 12



# Year 9 Dads\* & Daughters Lawn Bowls and BBQ Dinner

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 5:30pm - 8pm

Mt Albert Bowls Club, 10 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert

An opportunity to meet other families

A fun evening just for Dads\* & Daughters

\*or significant other Dude

This is a social tournament with no experience necessary.

Bowls and coaching will be provided.

Ticket includes a BBQ dinner. Cash bar available.

\$30 per Dad

& Daughter pair

\$40 two or more

daughters in family

Tickets available online at:

[https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/  
2024-year-9-dads-daughters-lawn-bowls](https://www.maristcollege.school.nz/2024-year-9-dads-daughters-lawn-bowls)





# The *Blue & Gold* Bulletin

WEEK 1 - FOURTH EDITION

## MUSIC AND DANCE NIGHT ☆。 \*。 ☆。

On the 25th of September we had our NCEA Music and Dance night. A night where senior music and dance students were able to showcase what they have learnt in class throughout the year. Sharing their talents with other students, family members and the Marist community. It was a night of celebration for the students as we celebrated the arts and the many talents found within the school. The 11-13 music students showcased both their talents individually and in groups. There were also some original song performances by Tessa, Maddy and Kacee as well as Siena and Ava. The Year 10 dance class performed a contemporary dance choreographed by Katie Dallow.

With the NCEA dance class performing a range of different pieces created throughout the year we saw two trios choreographed by Jaimee, Maria and Harriet and Rosa, Cami and Vongayi. These trios were created based on shapes created which then evolved into moving pictures and then slowly transformed into a full dance. The class also performed their contemporary dance again, after it was last performed at the music and dance day earlier in the year. This dance showcased the battle with dark thoughts that people struggle with on a daily basis.

The final dance of the night was the salsa dance performed by the NCEA dance class. This performance was lively and fun, embodying all that salsa dance is. On a whole this night was filled with great performances and incredible talent and was a wonderful way to celebrate all that the music and dance students have to offer at Marist



### COMMENTS FROM THE PERFORMERS ☆

"The music and dance night was really fun, and it was great to perform with my class and show our friends and family what we have been working on in our dance class this year."

- Rosa Whitehead

Performing arts night was so much fun! I performed in three dances, a class dance, a trio choreography, and our class salsa dance. It was so much fun to get out there and show what we had been working on for the last 9 weeks, and the crowd was super supportive. Thank you to everyone who came along!

- Harriet Macgregor

For the last music dance night this year, I performed my own original song 'Call Home' about becoming close with those who are graduating next year and how I'm not ready for that change. Although I was nervous to be sharing something so personal, the atmosphere of support in that room was so incredible

- Ava Crowe



Past exam papers are a fantastic way to study and prepare for your upcoming NCEA exams. Unfortunately, many of these papers have been removed from the NZQA website.

But don't worry, we have the solution! Visit [OurExams.org](http://OurExams.org) to find past papers dating back to the very beginning of each standard. Just search by your standard name, download the file, and get access to the resources you need to succeed.

<https://www.ourexams.org/>

# BOT REP 2025

## COMMENT ☆。\*。

I'm very grateful to have been selected as the student representative for the Board of Trustees. This role allows me to bring the student voice directly to the board and advocate for what matters most to us.

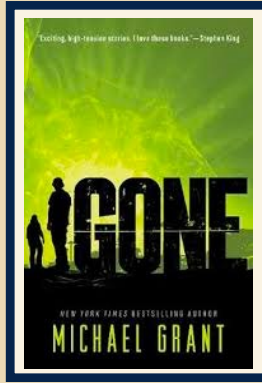
My goal is to represent students' ideas and concerns to the board as effectively as possible, ensuring that decisions made are in the best interest of the students and our school community.

I'm really looking forward to this role within the school and hope to make a positive impact by ensuring that every student's voice is heard and valued in the decision-making process. - Divinya Karumalil

### FUN FACT

Did you know that sea otters hold hands while sleeping to keep from drifting apart? This adorable behaviour helps them stay together in groups called "rafts," which can sometimes include hundreds of otters!

# BOOK RECOMMENDATION



The Gone series by Michael Grant is an intense, action-packed thriller where teens must survive after all adults vanish. With superpowers and life-or-death stakes, it's a gripping story of survival, power, and humanity. It's perfect for fans of The Hunger Games, or other dystopian YA novels! Come check it out at the newly re-opened School Library!

## SPACE QUIZ ☆。\*。☆



Answers: 1B, 2C, 3A

1. What is the largest star in our solar system?

- a) UU Persei
- b) UY Scuti
- c) Stephenson 2 DFK 49

2. How much stronger is the surface gravity on Jupiter compared to Earth?

- a) 2 times stronger
- b) 1.9 times stronger
- c) 2.4 times stronger

3. What is the speed of light?

- a) 299 792 458 m / s
- b) 399 782 463 m / s
- c) 278 405 169 m / s

## - DERIVED GRADE EXAMS REFLECTION - ☆

Term 3 Week 10 was a week many seniors were not exactly looking forward to. Derived grade exam week felt like a whirlwind for many of us. It was a challenging experience, but it gave us a great sense of where we stand in each subject and what we still need to work on.

Some exams went better than expected, while others highlighted gaps we didn't realise were there. Sitting in the gym under exam conditions again reminded us what it feels like to be in that focused environment, with the silence and the pressure. It helped us get comfortable with the process again, so we're more prepared for the real thing.

Now being back at school, refreshed after the holidays, and getting our results back, we're starting to see where we need to focus. Seeing the feedback from the teachers and going through the papers with them has been helpful. It has given us a better understanding of how the exam format works, and what we should be prepared for in the upcoming exams.

Overall, the week was stressful but productive. It felt like a preview of the real exams and has motivated a lot of us to step up our study game for the home stretch.

### Credits

Past Papers Tip- Ella Broderick | Derived Grade Exams Reflection - Anna Hampton | Book Recommendation - Julia Karumalil, Olivia Mendez | Music And Dance Night Summery - Jamee Sam | Bot Rep Comment - Divinya Karumalil | Performers Comments - Rosa Whitehead, Ava Crowe, Harriet Macgregor | Design - Angeline Sia, Olivia Siju Jose



## Library Reminder

Please promptly return any library books issued before the holidays so other students may enjoy them too.

*Thank you.*



## Awa Run 2024 - Call for donations please

Students from schools in the National Network of Marist Schools (NNMS) will be running 102km over three days to help reduce educational inequality in Aotearoa. Five Year 10s and one Year 12 have been selected to participate in this charity running event down in Whanganui, they are:

Ella Bayly, Isabel O'Brien, Daisy Dautermann, Rosie Smith, Emily Trask, and Harper Lawson. As a team they are aiming to raise over \$2000 prior to the event at the end of November.

Donations can be made through the official Give-a-little page:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/l/marist-schools-awa-run-2024>

Please select Marist College when giving your donation. Thanks.

## 2025 Itinerant Music

### Registrations are

# OPEN!!!!

Spaces are limited

Register at:

<https://bit.ly/MaristITM2025>

Registrations close

**20th October**

Late submissions will  
not be accepted

## FAMILY MINISTRY SURVEY



### About Us

Do you have school kids and want to connect with other families?

Help us work out what you need and want so that we can support and grow faith in families.

### Family Survey

Please take a moment to complete our short survey.

### FAMILY SURVEY

# SCAN ME!



Call us for  
more info



Hannah 021 793854

Fr Frank 021 597-080

## ST MARY'S PARISH, MT ALBERT

would like to invite you to join  
our Centenary Celebrations  
on Labour Weekend,  
26th and 27th October!

We have exciting events planned:

High Tea on Saturday, 26th October 2-4 pm  
(\$45pp) & Dinner 6:30-11 pm (\$90pp)

On Sunday, 27th October, we start with a  
special Mass at 9am with Bishop Steve,  
followed by blessing of the centenary stone  
and a Family Fun Day 10 am - 2 pm on the  
Marist School Grounds (There is no charge,  
but we do need you to register). There will  
be tea, cake, sausage sizzle, bouncy castles,  
and much more.

Please book your High Tea and Dinner  
tickets now and register for the  
Sunday Fun Day on:

[https://www.trybooking.com/nz/  
eventlist/centennial](https://www.trybooking.com/nz/eventlist/centennial)

We look forward to celebrating with you!